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Applicant: Yukihiro KOMATSU

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Sir:

Prior to further examination on the merits and responsive to the Final Office Action mailed June 23, 2004, and supplemental to the Amendment and Reply filed September 23, 2004, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and examination of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this document.

Prior to further examination on the merits, please amend the application as follows: